

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 459

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate University High School upon being named the tenth best high school in Tennessee by *U.S. News & World Report*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, University High School in Johnson City is one such exemplary institution, which was recently recognized as one of the Best High Schools in the Nation by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, the publication's 2017 Best High Schools rankings recognize the top high schools with the highest scores in college readiness; and

WHEREAS, with a 15:1 teacher-student ratio and a 100 percent graduation rate, University High School placed tenth among all public high schools in Tennessee and ranked 1,104th nationally; and

WHEREAS, University High School boasts an exemplary fifty-six percent participation rate in advanced placement course work with a passage rate of sixty-seven percent and a college readiness index score of 41.9. Eighty-one percent of the 503 enrolled students are proficient in mathematics and ninety-five percent are proficient in English; and

WHEREAS, University High School is the only high school in the Washington County School System to be administered by East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Troy Knechtel, director of University High School, attributes the success of the school to the staff, teachers, and counselors, who consistently challenge students and provide a supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, University High School's state and national ranking is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the Johnson City community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with University High School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate University High School on being recognized as the tenth best high school in Tennessee by *U.S. News & World Report*, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious honor, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.